(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The information has already been furnished on 1.3.96 in fulfilment of the Assurance to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2642 dated 31.3.95.

(b) It is reported that there is no mica mine in the Gujarat region. Hence the question of labourers being rendered unemployed due to closure of such mines does not arise.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

[English]

Export of Granite

5367. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether granite stones have been exported during the last three years;

(b) if so, the States from which the granite stones have been exported; and

(c) the countries to which they are exported and foreign exchange earned as a result thereof during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Granite stone has been exported mainly from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) Granite (Stone and Products) have been exported to about 100 countries and foreign exchange earned during the last 3 years is Rs. 772.29 crores, Rs. 993 crores and Rs. 1100 crores (estimated) respectively.

Names of countries importing granite from India for more than Rs. 10 lakhs during each of the last three years are as under: —

Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hongkong, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (Republic of), Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherland, New Zealand, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanjania, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela etc.

Tourist Spots in Barddhaman

5368. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that there are several beautiful tourist spots in the district of Barddhaman;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have declared any of them as tourist spot;

(c) whether any amount have been allocated for further development of those tourist spots;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government are considering to give due publicity to those tourist places; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) Identification of tourist spots is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments. The Government of West Bengal has identified following tourist spots in Barddhaman :

a. Barddhaman Town.

b. Places of historical interest in Barddhaman.

c. Durgapur Industrial Township.

d. Maithon Dam & Reservoir.

e. Asansol.

The Department of Tourism, Government of India, has provided financial assistance for following projects in Barddhaman for the development of tourism in the District:

1.	Wayside facilities at Durgapur	Rs. 26.38 lakhs
2.	Wayside facilities at Burdwan	Rs. 13.71 lakhs
3.	Tourist Complex at Maithon	Rs. 26.70 lakhs
4.	Tourist Lodge at Asansol	Rs. 29.33 lakhs

(e) and (f) For the promotion of tourism in the area, the State Government organises conducted tours.

Child Labour

5369. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the latest figures obtained in respect of child labourers who have been employee in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of child labourers employed in hazardous industries in the above State as on date;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent employment of child labour in general and particularly in hazardous industries; and

(e) the punitive measures the Government propose to initiate against employers of child labour in the above State ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) As per 1981 Census, the total number of working children in Andhra Pradesh was 19.51 lakhs. The number of working children district-wise, as per 1981 census is given in the attached statement. Number of children working in hazardous occupations is not maintained. However, it is estimated that around 10% of the working children are engaged in hazardous occupations. Information on the number of working children as per 1991 census is yet to be released by the Office of Registrar General.

(d) and (e) A major programme was launched by Government in August, 1994 to rehabilitate children working in hazardous occupations. Under this programme an estimated 2 million children working in hazardous occupations are sought to be taken out of work and put in special schools to enable them to become productive members of the society. For the State of Andhra Pradesh 20 child Labour Projects have been sanctioned so far to cover 43,550 children through nearly 800 special schools. In addition, an amount of Rs. 46 lakh for survey on child labour and Rs. 115 lakh for awareness generation campaign against the evils of child labour has been released to the child labour endemic districts of the State.

Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, the employers of children in prohibited occupations and processes are liable for prosecution. The State Government is expected to enforce the various provisions of Act.

STATEMENT

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKING CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) IN ANDHRA PRADESH AS PER 1981 CENSUS

Name of the District	No. of Working Children
1	2
Srikakulam	78133
Vizianagaram	65254
Vishakhapatnam	84191
East Godavari	97844
West Godavari	94155
Krishna	92044
Guntur	123438
Prakasam	84298
Nellore	60884
Chittoor	88880
Cuddapah	68252
Anantapur	98800
Kurnool	113630
Mahbubnagar	127141
Rangareddy	61106
Hyderabad	14439
Medak	74859
Nizamabad	76411
Adilabad	71311
Karimnagar	116945
Warangal	92992
Khammam	73408
Nalgonda	92897

[Translation]

Welfare Scheme for the Mine Workers

5370. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers employed in mining operations upto August, 1996 in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the welfare schemes formulated by the Union Government and State Governments for the workers engaged in mining operations;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said schemes, State-wise;

(d) the number of workers benefited by these schemes; and

(e) the detailed information in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Information is being collected.

(b) to (e) The Ministry of Labour is operating several welfare schemes for workers in Limestone, Dolomite, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chromite Ore and Mica Mines in the areas of health, education, housing, water supply and recreation. Statement-I lists the Schemes in operation.

For the year 1996-97 budgetary provision of Rs. 20,42,58,000/- has been made as detailed in Statement-II. The number of persons benefiting from these scheme in the year 1995-96 is indicated in Statement-III.

STATEMENT-I

LIST OF WELFARE SCHEMES FOR MINE WORKERS

A. Health

1. Reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals.
2. Reimbursement of actual cost of treatment to mine workers suffering from cancer.